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TREASURER ANGELIDES COMMENTS ON THE DEFEAT OF SENATE BILL 1067

SACRAMENTO, CA – California State Treasurer Phil Angelides today made the following statement following the vote in the State Senate on Senate Bill 1067, by state Sen. Jackie Speier, a measure sponsored by the Treasurer. The bill would have closed a tax loophole that allows publicly traded U.S. corporations that relocate offshore – in name only – to locales such as Bermuda and the Cayman Islands to avoid paying their fair share of California taxes. The bill was defeated on a 24-12 vote, with 27 votes needed for passage. The bill had been previously considered and defeated on a 26-12 vote last fall:

"It is unconscionable that Republican legislators have blocked this fair and simple measure to ensure that a handful of multi-national corporations pay the same taxes as other American companies and hundreds of thousands of small California businesses. These Republican legislators are willing to support the Governor's budget proposals to hike student tuition, cut off health care to children, and cut services to the disabled, yet they do not have the courage to ask a few corporations to pay their fair share to support our State.

"We have just begun to fight. We will be back with a new legislative proposal. We will call on the Governor and these Republican legislators to do what is right for California."

According to the Franchise Tax Board (FTB), California will lose an estimated \$132 million over the next 10 years as a result of these corporate expatriations that have already occurred. If the number of corporations that expatriate continues to grow at the same rate of the past 10 years, the FTB estimates that California would lose an estimated \$180 million in tax revenue over the next 10 years.

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